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Responsive to the October 28, 2008 final Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments.

**Final Rejection Premature**

All of the rejections based on prior patents have been withdrawn, and the claimed subject matter is indicated as being allowable over those patents. A new rejection is raised and directed to the subject matter previously recited in original claim 6 and now included within new independent claim 15. Since the claim wording now objected to was previously recited in the